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Abstract of the Disclosure

~~This~~ The invention relates to a heat exchanger plate and a plate package ~~for a plate heat exchanger~~. The ~~heat exchanger~~ plate extends between ~~[[a]]~~ primary and secondary edge zones. ~~zone and a secondary edge zone~~. A center axis divides the ~~heat exchanger~~ plate into ~~[[a]]~~ primary and secondary parts. ~~part and a secondary part~~. The ~~heat exchanger~~ plate includes a first end area, a second end area, and a central heat transfer area ~~therebetween~~. ~~A primary porthole and a secondary porthole~~ Primary and secondary portholes extend through the plate in the first end area ~~and are surrounded by the respective adjoining edge area~~. The primary porthole is located on the primary part and the secondary porthole on the secondary part. A distribution area extends on the first end area and has a base surface extending from the primary porthole to the central heat transfer area. The base surface is inclined and located at an upper level at an upper plane in the proximity of ~~the~~ an edge area of the primary porthole and sinks successively to a lower level in the proximity of a lower plate plane at the secondary edge zone.